

REMARKS

A Notice of Appeal is being filed concurrently with this response. Claims 4, 6, 8-11, and 28 are being amended in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 714.13 in an effort to reduce the number of issues for Appeal.


Specifically, in the July 27, 2007 Office Action, Claims 4-6 and 8-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner properly noted that there was no antecedent basis for "the cap" in these claims in light of Applicant's amendment of Claim 1 in Applicant's prior response. Applicant has amended Claims 4, 6, and 8-11 to change "the cap" to "the mating component." Applicant submits that these amendments overcome the rejection under Section 112, second paragraph. In addition, Claim 28 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner enter this amendment following Final Rejection because it places the present application in better form for Appeal.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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